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DEPT FOR NEA/AFN

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TAGS: EAGR EINV BAGB TS  
SUBJ: VISIT OF AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING TO EUGENE GRASBURGE AND  
EZRA MERRILL, AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL OF NEW YORK, WHO  
ARE PRESENTLY IN CAIRO.

2. QUOTE: RECEIVED KEN MUELLER'S TELEX IN WHICH HE  
REQUESTED OUR AND GOT'S CONCURRENCE IN VISIT TO TUNISIA  
FOR FIVE DAYS BEGINNING MARCH 6.

3. WE HAVE CONTACTED EZZEDDINE CHELBI AND ABDELMAJID  
SLAMA. BOTH SAID THEY WOULD WELCOME SEEING YOU.  
SLAMA TOLD US HIS OFFICE COULD ARRANGE TO PROVIDE  
NEEDED INFORMATION ON MILK, FISHERIES AND CATTLE.  
CENTRE NATIONAL INDUSTRIEL COULD PROVIDE STUDIES  
ALREADY COMPLETED ON TAMATO CANNING POTENTIAL.  
SLAMA, HOWEVER, WILL BE OUT OF TUNISIA MARCH 5-17.  
MTIBAA CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN SLAMA'S ABSENCE.

4. IN RELATED VEIN WE ALSO TALKED TO NEJIB BEN DEBBA,  
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, BDET (NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT BANK). HE IS MOST ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS POS-  
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SIBLE SMALL OR MEDIUM SIZED FROZEN FOOD EXPORT OPERA-  
TION WITH ABC. BEN DEBBA, HOWEVER, WILL BE OUT OF THE  
COUNTRY AND RETURNS MARCH 13.

5. WE ALSO HAVE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS AS COMMERCIAL  
OFFICER GALLAGHER WILL BE BUSY MARCH 6 AND MARCH 8-10  
WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TRADE PROMOTION ACTI-

VISITES.

6. GIVEN ABOVE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS WE THINK IT BEST  
TO DELAY YOUR ARRIVAL FOR A FEW DAYS IF POSSIBLE--  
UNTIL THE WEEK OF MARCH 13 WOULD BE IDEAL. IF THAT  
IS NOT POSSIBLE, YOU WILL CERTAINLY BE WELCOME MARCH 6  
SINCERELY, EDWARD W. MULCAHY, AMBASSADOR. UNQUOTE.

7. FOR NEA/AFN: PLEASE FORWARD ABOVE MESSAGE TO  
KENNETH MUELLER, PRESIDENT, AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL,  
NEW YORK, 212-682-2730.  
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